

ARTICLE 4. TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

Rule 1. Definitions

836 IAC 4-1-1 Definitions

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 10-4-1-7; IC 16-18; IC 16-21-2; IC 16-31-3-1; IC 16-31-3-3; IC 25-22.5; IC 35-41-1-26.5

Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this article unless the context clearly denotes otherwise:

(1) “Advanced emergency medical technician” means an individual who can perform one (1) or more, but not all, of the procedures of a paramedic and who:

- (A) has completed a prescribed course in advanced life support;
- (B) has been certified by the commission;
- (C) is associated with a single supervising hospital; and
- (D) is affiliated with a provider organization.

(2) “Advanced emergency medical technician intermediate” means an individual who can perform one (1) or more, but not all, of the procedures of a paramedic and who:

- (A) has completed a prescribed course in advanced life support;
- (B) has been certified by the commission;
- (C) is associated with a single supervising hospital; and
- (D) is affiliated with a provider organization.

(3) “Advanced emergency medical technician intermediate organization” means an ambulance service provider or other emergency care organization certified by the commission to provide advanced life support services administered by advanced emergency medical technician intermediates in conjunction with a supervising hospital.

(4) “Advanced emergency medical technician organization” means an ambulance service provider or other emergency care organization certified by the commission to provide advanced life support services administered by advanced emergency medical technicians in conjunction with a supervising hospital.

(5) “Advanced life support”, for purposes of IC 16-31, means:

(A) care given:

(i) at the scene of an:

(AA) accident;

(BB) act of terrorism (as defined in IC 35-41-1-26.5), if the governor has declared a disaster emergency under IC 10-4-1-7 in response to the act of terrorism; or

(CC) illness; or

(ii) during transport at a hospital;

by a paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician intermediate, or advanced emergency medical technician and that is more advanced than the care usually provided by an emergency medical technician; and

(B) may include:

(i) defibrillation;

(ii) endotracheal intubation;

(iii) parenteral injection of appropriate medications, including administration of epinephrine through an auto-injector;

(iv) electrocardiogram interpretation; and

(v) emergency management of trauma and illness.

(6) “Advanced life support nontransport vehicle” means a motor vehicle other than an ambulance, owned or leased by a certified emergency medical service provider, that provides advanced life support but does not supply patient transport from the scene of the emergency. The term does not include an employer-owned or employer-operated vehicle used for first aid purposes within or upon the employer’s premises.

(7) “Ambulance” means any conveyance on land, sea, or air that is used or is intended to be used, for the purpose of responding to emergency life-threatening situations and providing transportation for an emergency patient.

(8) “Ambulance service provider” means any person who is certified by the commission and who engages in or seeks to furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise engage in services for the transportation and care of emergency

patients as a part of a regular course of doing business, either paid or voluntary.

(9) "An agency or instrumentality of the United States", as that phrase is used in IC 16-31-3-3, means to exclude all nongovernmental entities that have a contract with the government of the United States or any bureau, board, commission, or statutorily created entity thereof.

(10) "Anniversary date" means the date on which certification as a paramedic or an advanced emergency medical technician was issued by the commission.

(11) "Basic life support", for purposes of IC 16-31, means the following:

(A) Assessment of emergency patients.

(B) Administration of oxygen.

(C) Use of mechanical breathing devices.

(D) Application of anti-shock trousers.

(E) Performance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(F) Application of dressing and bandage materials.

(G) Application of splinting and immobilization devices.

(H) Use of lifting and moving devices to ensure safe transport.

(I) Use of an automatic or a semiautomatic defibrillator if the defibrillator is used in accordance with training procedures established by the commission.

(J) Other procedures authorized by the commission, including procedures contained in the revised national emergency medical technician-basic training curriculum guide.

(12) "Certificate" or "certification" means authorization in written form issued by the commission to a person to furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise engage in providing emergency medical services as a part of a regular course of doing business, either paid or voluntary.

(13) "Commission" means the Indiana emergency medical services commission.

(14) "Director" means the director of the state emergency management agency.

(15) "Emergency ambulance services" means the transportation of emergency patients by ambulance and the administration of emergency care procedures to emergency patients before, or during, such transportation.

(16) "Emergency management of trauma and illness" means the following:

(A) Those procedures for which the paramedic has been specifically trained that are a part of the curriculum prescribed by the commission.

(B) Those procedures for which the paramedic has been specifically trained as a part of the continuing education program and approved by the supervising hospital and the paramedic organization's medical director.

(C) Those procedures for which the advanced emergency medical technician has been specifically trained and have been approved by the administrative and medical staff of the supervising hospital, the advanced emergency medical technician organization medical director, and the commission as being within the scope and responsibility of the advanced emergency medical technician.

(17) "Emergency patient" means an individual who is acutely ill, injured, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless and who requires emergency care. The term includes an individual who requires transportation on a litter or cot or is transported in a vehicle certified as an ambulance under IC 16-31-3.

(18) "Emergency medical service nontransport provider" means an organization, certified by the commission, that provides first response patient care at an emergency that includes defibrillation but does not supply patient transport from the scene of the emergency.

(19) "Emergency medical service nontransport vehicle" means a motor vehicle other than an ambulance, owned or leased by a certified emergency medical service provider, that provides first response patient care at an emergency that includes defibrillation but does not supply patient transport from the scene of the emergency. The term does not include an employer-owned or employer-operated vehicle used for first aid purposes within or upon the employer's premises.

(20) "Emergency medical services" means the provision of emergency ambulance services or other services utilized in serving an individual's need for immediate medical care in order to prevent loss of life or aggravation of physiological or psychological illness or injury.

(21) "Emergency medical services driver" means an individual who has a certificate of completion of a commission-approved driver training course.

- (22) "Emergency medical services provider" means any person certified by the commission who engages in or seeks to furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise engage in services for the care of emergency patients as part of a regular course of doing business, either paid or voluntary.
- (23) "Emergency medical services vehicle" means any of the following:
- (A) An ambulance.
 - (B) An emergency medical services nontransport vehicle.
 - (C) A rescue squad.
 - (D) An advanced life support nontransport vehicle.
- (24) "Emergency medical technician" means an individual certified by the commission who is:
- (A) responsible for:
 - (i) the administration of emergency care procedures to emergency patients; and
 - (ii) the handling and transportation of such patients; and
 - (B) certified under this article.
- (25) "First responder", for purposes of IC 16-31, means an individual who is:
- (A) certified under IC 16-31 and meets the commission's standards for first responder certification; and
 - (B) the first individual to respond to an incident requiring emergency medical services.
- (26) "Paramedic" means an individual who:
- (A) is affiliated with a certified paramedic organization or is employed by a supervising hospital;
 - (B) has completed a prescribed course in advanced life support; and
 - (C) has been certified by the commission.
- (27) "Paramedic organization" means an ambulance service provider or other emergency care organization certified by the commission to provide advanced life support services administered by paramedics or physicians with an unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana in conjunction with supervising hospitals.
- (28) "Person" means any:
- (A) natural person or persons;
 - (B) partnership;
 - (C) corporation;
 - (D) association;
 - (E) joint stock association; or
 - (F) governmental entity other than an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- (29) "Physician" means an individual who currently holds a valid unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana under IC 25-22.5.
- (30) "Program director" means a person employed by a certified training institution that coordinates the advanced life support courses.
- (31) "Provider organization" means an ambulance service or other emergency care organization certified by the commission to provide advanced life support in connection with a supervising hospital.
- (32) "Provider organization operating area" means the geographic area in which an advanced emergency medical technician, affiliated with a specific advanced emergency medical technician organization, is able to maintain two-way voice communication with the provider organization's supervising hospitals.
- (33) "Rescue squad organization" means an organization that holds a voluntary certification to provide extrication, rescue, or emergency medical services.
- (34) "Supervising hospital" means a hospital licensed under IC 16-21-2 or under the licensing laws of another state that has been certified by the commission to supervise paramedics, advanced emergency medical technicians, and provider organizations in providing advanced life support.

(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-1-1; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2745; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2362)

Rule 2. Emergency Medical Services Training Institution

836 IAC 4-2-1 General requirements for training institutions; staff

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 4-21.5; IC 16-21; IC 16-31-3-2; IC 20-10.1-1-16; IC 20-12-62-3; IC 20-12-71-8

Sec. 1. (a) All institutions administering or seeking to administer emergency medical services training programs shall be certified by the commission. Any multiple campus institution administering or seeking to administer such programs shall have its training institution certified by the commission on a campus-by-campus basis.

(b) Each Indiana emergency medical services training institution of emergency medical technician programs shall be:

- (1) a postsecondary institution as defined in IC 20-12-71-8;
- (2) a private technical, vocational, or trade school as defined in IC 20-12-62-3;
- (3) a high school as defined in IC 20-10.1-1-16;
- (4) a provider organization as defined in IC 16-31; or
- (5) an appropriately accredited hospital licensed under IC 16-21;

that has adequate resources and dedication to educational endeavors. Educational institutions shall be appropriately accredited by a regional accrediting association for higher education or have state licensure that assures comparable educational standards.

(c) Such an institution shall submit an application to the commission not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date for which certification is requested in a manner prescribed by the commission. Certification as an emergency medical services training institution is valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of certification.

(d) Certified emergency medical services training institutions shall be certified according to the institution's intent and ability to teach various levels of emergency medical services curricula as follows:

- (1) Basic life support training institution, an institution that presents Indiana basic emergency medical technician or the Indiana emergency medical first responder training courses, or both.
- (2) Advanced life support training institution, an institution that presents the Indiana advanced emergency medical technician, Indiana advanced emergency medical technician intermediate, or Indiana paramedic training courses, or all levels of courses.

(e) A certified training institution shall submit an application for recertification to the commission sixty (60) days prior to the date of certification expiration. The application for recertification shall indicate compliance with the requirements currently in effect at the time of the application for renewal.

(f) Upon suspension, revocation, or termination of a certificate, the provision of such service shall cease. (*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-2-1; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2747; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2364*)

836 IAC 4-2-2 Institutional responsibilities

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 2. A certified training institution seeking commission approval for administering emergency medical services training courses shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- (1) Designate one (1) person as a training institution official responsible for administering all of the activities of the emergency medical services training institution and for communicating with the commission.
- (2) Submit to an inspection of training facilities and equipment.
- (3) Provide a list of educational staff to meet staffing-student ratio requirements outlined in approved curricula.
- (4) Have the necessary clinical facilities, or affiliations with clinical facilities, to conduct the required clinical phases of emergency medical technician training programs.
- (5) Under conditions where didactic and clinical training are to be conducted by separate institutions, program responsibility will rest with the institution that is certified by the commission. In cases where two (2) or more certified training institutions are cooperating in the presentation of an emergency medical services training program, both institutions will be held jointly responsible for the training programs.
- (6) Provide evidence that the training institution has liability insurance on the students.
- (7) Provide classroom space to effectively present the various requirements in the curricula.
- (8) The curriculum requirements for all certified training programs shall be approved by the commission. Course applications will be made in a manner prescribed by the commission. The commission may disapprove a course application when it has

been determined that the training institution or primary instructor has been found in noncompliance with rules and regulations.

(9) Have the training equipment and training aids (including the emergency care equipment) required by the curriculum of the courses that the training institution offers. The training institution shall have an adequate amount of the training equipment to be utilized by students to meet any equipment-to-student ratios prescribed by the curriculum being presented.

(10) Make available a minimum of twelve (12) hours, over a two (2) year period, of continuing education in educational principles and techniques for each of its affiliated primary instructors. A training institution may offer this continuing education or advise its faculty members of such continuing education at other sites. The training institution official may accept educational programs conducted at other facilities.

(11) Evaluate each course and affiliated primary instructor once during every year and retain a record of the evaluation in its files.

(12) Provide educational personnel for each approved training course, consisting of the following:

(A) Medical director.

(B) Program director (advanced emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician intermediate, and paramedic courses only).

(C) Primary instructor.

(D) Instructional staff.

(13) Be responsible for in-course standards and criteria by which it determines a student's successful completion of the didactic and clinical portions of the course. The criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Attendance requirements and absentee policies.

(B) In-course testing procedures.

(C) Number and scope of in-course tests.

(D) Didactic pass/fail grade average and criteria.

(E) Provision for make-up classes and tests.

(F) Minimum age for enrollment.

(G) Policies for providing reasonable accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(14) Be responsible for the screening and evaluation criteria for admission into any certified training program.

(15) Assure a certified primary instructor, affiliated with the training institution, is present in each Indiana basic emergency medical technician class session.

(16) Have a retention schedule of seven (7) years for all training and course records.

(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-2-2; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2748; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2365)

836 IAC 4-2-3 Educational staff qualifications and responsibilities

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 3. (a) Minimum personnel qualifications for the training institution's education staff shall be as follows:

(1) The medical director shall be a physician who:

(A) holds an unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana; and

(B) has an active role in the delivery of emergency care.

(2) The program coordinator shall:

(A) have appropriate education and experience necessary to teach in the assigned areas at the discretion of the medical director;

(B) be thoroughly and appropriately knowledgeable about all subject matter; and

(C) be able to demonstrate all skills assigned to teach or evaluate.

The program coordinator shall hold a clinical certification or license at least equal to that of the curriculum of the course in which they act as the program coordinator.

(3) The primary instructor shall be certified by the commission.

(4) Instructional staff members will be selected from various specialties and have appropriate education and experience necessary to teach in the assigned areas at the discretion of the medical director. They must be thoroughly and appropriately

knowledgeable about all subject matter and be able to demonstrate all skills that they are assigned to teach or evaluate. Instructional staff members involved in the skills testing of students shall be persons who hold a clinical certification or license at least equal to that of the curriculum of the course in which they act as instructional staff.

(b) Education staff responsibilities are as follows:

(1) The medical director is responsible for the following:

(A) Providing competent medical direction in the conduct of the training program by providing necessary liaison with physicians to obtain adequate instructor services.

(B) Assuring accurate and thorough presentation of the medical content of the course curriculum.

(C) Attesting on forms prescribed by the commission to the competency of the course graduates to perform the medical skills required by the certification for which the student has been trained.

(2) The program coordinator for any advanced life support course is responsible for the following:

(A) Developing teaching plans.

(B) Assuring that the course of instruction meets established standards of the commission and training institution.

(C) Providing liaisons with physicians and other specialists to obtain adequate instructor services for the course.

(D) Monitoring and evaluating classroom activities, including clinical and practice sessions.

(E) Assuring that the required equipment and materials necessary for teaching the course being offered are available at each class session.

(F) Coordinating and evaluating all didactic, clinical, practical, and field/internship activities associated with the course.

(G) Acting as the liaison between the students and the program staff.

(H) Maintaining student class records concerning attendance, performance, and grades.

(I) Fulfilling other course requirements as designated by the medical director and the training institution official.

(3) The primary instructor is responsible for the following:

(A) Developing teaching plans.

(B) Assuring that the course of instruction meets established standards of the commission and training institution.

(C) Providing liaisons with physicians and other specialists to obtain adequate instructor services for the course.

(D) Monitoring and evaluating classroom activities, including clinical and practice sessions.

(E) Assuring that the required equipment and materials necessary for teaching the course being offered are available at each class session.

(F) Coordinating and evaluating all didactic, clinical, practical, and field preceptor activities associated with the course.

(G) Acting as the liaison between the students and the program staff.

(H) Maintaining student class records concerning attendance, performance, and grades.

(I) Fulfilling other course requirements as designated by the medical director and the training institution official.

(4) Instructional staff are responsible to teach and to test students during selected lessons or class sessions as assigned by the primary instructor, program coordinator, and medical director. The instructional staff is evaluated and held accountable in the manner seen fit by the medical director and the training institution official.

(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-2-3; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2749)

836 IAC 4-2-4 Institution reporting requirements

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 4. (a) Each training institution shall submit an annual report to the commission that includes the following information:

(1) Name, address, and telephone number of the training institution official.

(2) List of affiliated primary instructors, including name, certification level, and certification number.

(3) Documentation of the continuing education offered to all affiliated primary instructors.

(4) Submit documentation of all primary instructor evaluations completed within the last year.

(5) Submit a copy of the training institutions standards and criteria.

(b) Each training institution will provide a final report on each course to the commission within fifteen (15) days following the completion of the course. These reports will be submitted in a manner prescribed by the commission.

(c) Each training institution official will complete other forms as required by the commission for purposes of course, student,

or training institution evaluation. The institution will cooperate with and assist the commission in collecting statistics and evaluating performance and costs related to emergency medical services training. (*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-2-4; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2750*)

836 IAC 4-2-5 Penalties (Repealed)

Sec. 5. (*Repealed by Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2372*)

Rule 3. First Responders

836 IAC 4-3-1 Training standards

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-18-2-131; IC 16-31-2-8

Sec. 1. The minimum requirements for first responder training shall be the following:

(1) The curriculum of the first responder training course shall be the Indiana emergency medical first responder training curriculum, which is based on the current national standard curriculum for first responders, as amended and approved by the commission.

(2) Each first responder training course shall be coordinated by a primary instructor, and each class shall be conducted by approved faculty members who shall be certified at a minimum as emergency medical technicians, or appropriate nurses and physicians.

(3) To successfully complete the Indiana emergency medical first responder training course for original certification or for certification renewal, a student shall pass the commission-authorized practical and written examinations.

(*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-3-1; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2750*)

836 IAC 4-3-2 Certification standards

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-2-8; IC 16-31-3

Sec. 2. (a) Applicants for original certification as a first responder shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age.

(2) Have successfully completed a commission-approved first responder course.

(3) Have successfully completed a state written and practical skills examinations as approved by the commission.

(b) Certification as a first responder shall be valid for a period of two (2) years and shall remain valid as long as compliance with the continuing education requirements of subsection (c) are maintained and reported to the commission prior to the certification expiration date.

(c) To remain certified as a first responder, each certified first responder shall submit a report of continuing education every two (2) years that meets or exceeds the minimum requirement to take and report twenty (20) hours of continuing education according to the following:

(1) Participate in a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of any combination of lectures, critiques, skills proficiency examination, or audit and review, which reviews subject matter presented in the Indiana first responder curriculum.

(2) Participate in a minimum of four (4) hours in defibrillation and airway management as presented in the Indianan first responder curriculum.

(d) An individual who fails to comply with the continuing education requirements described in this article forfeits all rights and privileges of a certified first responder and shall cease from providing the services authorized by a first responder certification as of the date of expiration of the current certificate. (*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-3-2; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2751; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2366*)

836 IAC 4-3-3 Certification based upon reciprocity

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-8; IC 16-31-3-10

Sec. 3. (a) Applicants for certification based upon reciprocity shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age and meet one (1) of the following requirements:

(1) Be a person who, at the time of application for reciprocity:

(A) possesses a valid certificate or license as an first responder from another state or National Registry first responder certification; and

(B) successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations as prescribed by the commission.

(2) Be a person who:

(A) while serving in the military of the United States, successfully completed a course of training and study equivalent to the material contained in the Indiana first responder training course; and

(B) successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations prescribed by the commission.

(3) Be a person who:

(A) holds a valid unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana; and

(B) successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations prescribed by the commission.

(4) Be a person who:

(A) successfully completed a course of training and study equivalent to the material contained in the Indiana first responder training course; and

(B) successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations prescribed by the commission.

(b) Any nonresident of Indiana who possesses a certificate or license as a first responder that is valid in another state, or a valid registration issued by the National Registry, upon affiliation *[sic.]* with an Indiana certified provider organization, may apply to the director for temporary certification as a first responder. Upon receipt of a valid application and verification of valid status by the director, the director may issue temporary certification, which shall be valid for the duration of the applicant's current certificate or license, or for a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date that the reciprocity request is approved by the director, whichever period of time is shorter. A person receiving temporary certification may apply for full certification using the procedure required in section 2 of this rule. (*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-3-3; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2751*)

Rule 4. Certification of Emergency Medical Technicians

836 IAC 4-4-1 General certification provisions

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 1. (a) Applicants for original certification as an emergency medical technician shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age.

(2) Successfully complete the Indiana basic emergency medical technician training course as approved by the commission and administered by a certified training institution.

(3) Pass the emergency medical technician written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission.

(b) The applicant shall apply for certification on forms prescribed by the commission postmarked within one (1) year of the date that the course was concluded as shown on the course report.

(c) The minimum requirement for basic emergency medical technicians training shall be as follows:

(1) The current version of the Indiana basic emergency medical technician training course as amended and approved by the commission.

(2) Each Indiana basic emergency medical technician course shall be supervised by a commission-certified primary instructor who is affiliated with the course sponsoring training institution as described in this article.

(d) No course shall be approved as equivalent to subsection (c) unless the course meets the training standards currently in

effect.

(e) Emergency medical technicians shall comply with the following standards of professional ethical conduct:

- (1) Improve medical knowledge and skills through the completion of at least the prescribed regimen of continuing education described in this article.
- (2) Perform quality patient care based on the content of approved training or the orders of the provider medical director.
- (3) Uphold and respect the patient's right to privacy, dignity, and safety by keeping confidential patient information.
- (4) Abiding by the legal responsibilities and limitations imposed upon the emergency medical technician by training and state law.

(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-4-1; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2752; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2366)

836 IAC 4-4-2 Application for original certification or certification renewal

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31

Sec. 2. (a) Application for emergency medical technician certification shall be made on forms prescribed by the commission. Applicants shall complete the required forms and submit the forms to the director.

(b) All applicants for original certification shall provide evidence of compliance with the requirements for certification.

(c) Certification as an emergency medical technician shall be valid for a period of two (2) years and remain valid as long as compliance with the continuing education requirements of subsection (d) are maintained and reported every two (2) years to the commission prior to the certification expiration date.

(d) To remain certified as an emergency medical technician, each certified emergency medical technician shall submit a report of continuing education every two (2) years that meets or exceeds the minimum requirement to take and report forty (40) hours of continuing education according to the following:

(1) Participate in a minimum of thirty-four (34) hours of any combination of lectures, critiques, skills proficiency examinations, continuing education courses, or teaching sessions that review subject matter presented in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician curriculum.

(2) Participate in a minimum of six (6) hours of audit and review.

(3) Participate in any update course as required by the commission.

(4) Successfully complete proficiency evaluation that tests the skills presented in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician curriculum.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, a person also certified as an advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic under IC 16-31 may substitute the required continuing education credits for those of subsection (d).

(f) An individual who fails to comply with the continuing education requirements described in this article shall not exercise any of the rights and privileges of an emergency medical technician and shall cease from providing the services authorized by an emergency medical technician certification as of the date of expiration of the current certificate.

(g) An individual wanting to reacquire a certification shall:

(1) complete an emergency medical technician recertification training course as approved by the commission; and

(2) successfully complete the state written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission.

If the individual fails either certification examinations, the person must retake an Indiana basic emergency medical technician training course.

(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person whose emergency medical technician certificate expires during service in the armed forces is subject to IC 16-31 regarding certification renewal. *(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-4-2; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2752)*

836 IAC 4-4-3 Certification based upon reciprocity

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-8; IC 16-31-3-10

Sec. 3. (a) Applicants for certification based upon reciprocity shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age and meet one

(1) of the following requirements:

(1) Be a person who, at the time of application for reciprocity:

(A) possesses a valid certificate or license as an emergency medical technician from another state or National Registry basic emergency medical technician certification; and

(B) successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations as prescribed by the commission.

(2) Be a person who:

(A) while serving in the military of the United States, successfully completed a course of training and study equivalent to the material contained in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician training course; and

(B) successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations prescribed by the commission.

(3) Be a person who:

(A) holds a valid unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana; and

(B) successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations prescribed by the commission.

(4) Be a person who:

(A) successfully completed a course of training and study equivalent to the material contained in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician training course; and

(B) successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations prescribed by the commission.

(b) Any nonresident of Indiana who possesses a certificate or license as an emergency medical technician that is valid in another state, or a valid registration issued by the National Registry, upon affiliation with an Indiana certified provider organization may apply to the director for temporary certification as an emergency medical technician. Upon receipt of a valid application and verification of valid status by the director, the director may issue temporary certification, which shall be valid for the duration of the applicant's current certificate or license, or for a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date that the reciprocity request is approved by the director, whichever period of time is shorter. A person receiving temporary certification may apply for full certification using the procedure required in section 1 of this rule. (*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-4-3; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2753*)

Rule 5. Emergency Medical Services Primary Instructor Certification

836 IAC 4-5-1 Student qualification to enter training

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-14

Sec. 1. An applicant for Indiana primary instructor training shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Have been certified by the commission as an Indiana emergency medical technician for a period of not less than one (1) year.

(2) Have at least one (1) year of experience in the delivery of emergency medical care in the prehospital setting.

(3) Submit a letter of intent to an affiliate from at least one (1) Indiana certified training institution.

(4) Successfully pass the Indiana basic emergency medical services written and practical skills examinations within one (1) year prior to the start of the course as prescribed by the commission.

(*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-5-1; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2754*)

836 IAC 4-5-2 Certification and recertification; general

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-14

Sec. 2. (a) Application for certification will be made on forms and according to procedures prescribed by the commission. In order to be certified as an emergency medical services primary instructor, the applicant shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Successfully complete a commission-approved Indiana emergency medical services primary instructor training course.

(2) Successfully complete the primary instructor internship.

(3) Successfully complete the primary instructor written examination.

(4) Be currently certified as an Indiana emergency medical technician.

(b) Certification as an emergency medical services primary instructor is valid for two (2) years.

(c) In order to retain certification as a primary instructor, a person shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Retain affiliation with at least one (1) Indiana certified training institution.

(2) Conduct a minimum of eighty (80) hours of educational sessions based upon the emergency medical service curricula, which in content are either less than or equal to the primary instructor's level of clinical certification.

(3) Complete a minimum of twelve (12) hours of continuing education that specifically addresses the topic of educational philosophy and techniques, offered or approved by the affiliating training institution.

(4) Be evaluated by the training institution in regard to instructional skills and compliance with existing standards of the training institution and the commission at least once per course.

(5) Every two (2) years present, to the commission, evidence of compliance with this subsection during the period of certification as prescribed by the commission.

(d) The minimum requirements for emergency medical services primary instructor training is the current version of the Indiana primary instructor course, based upon the current national standard curriculum as amended and approved by the commission.

(e) A primary instructor shall comply with the following standards of professional ethical conduct:

(1) Improve medical knowledge and skills through the completion of at least the prescribed regimen of continuing education described in this article.

(2) Uphold and respect the student's right to privacy, dignity, and safety by keeping student information confidential.

(3) Abiding by the legal responsibilities and limitations imposed upon the primary instructor.

(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-5-2; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2754; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2367)

Rule 6. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Training

836 IAC 4-6-1 Advanced emergency medical technician training

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-20

Sec. 1. (a) All institutions administering or seeking to administer training programs for advanced emergency medical technicians who engage in the provision of advanced life support services are required to be certified by the commission.

(b) An institution certified by the commission to conduct training programs for advanced emergency medical technicians must:

(1) be a training institution certified under 836 IAC 4-2; and

(2) operate according to the procedures described therein.

(c) The minimum curriculum requirements for advanced emergency medical technician training shall be the Indiana advanced emergency medical technician training curriculum based upon the current national standard curriculum as amended and approved by the commission.

(d) The program coordinator shall be a physician, a registered nurse, a paramedic, or an advanced emergency medical technician responsible for the duties of 836 IAC 4-2. *(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-6-1; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2755)*

Rule 6.1. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate Training

836 IAC 4-6.1-1 Advanced emergency medical technician intermediate training

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-20

Sec. 1. (a) All institutions administering or seeking to administer training programs for advanced emergency medical technician intermediates who engage in the provision of advanced life support services are required to be certified by the commission.

(b) An institution certified by the commission to conduct training programs for advanced emergency medical technician intermediates must:

- (1) be a training institution certified under 836 IAC 4-2; and
- (2) operate according to the procedures described in 836 IAC 4-2.

(c) The minimum curriculum requirements for advanced emergency medical technician intermediate training shall be the Indiana advanced emergency medical technician intermediate training curriculum based upon the current national standard curriculum as amended and approved by the commission.

(d) The program director shall be a physician, a registered nurse, a paramedic, or an advanced emergency medical technician intermediate responsible for the duties of 836 IAC 4-2. (*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-6.1-1; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2368*)

Rule 7. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians; Certification

836 IAC 4-7-1 Student qualification to enter training

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-14

Sec. 1. (a) An applicant for Indiana advanced emergency medical technician training shall hold a valid certificate as an emergency medical technician.

(b) Individuals who have successfully completed an Indiana basic emergency medical technician course or are accepted for basic reciprocity and have taken the Indiana basic written and practical certification examinations may hold a provisional spot in the advanced emergency medical technician course. (*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-7-1; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2755*)

836 IAC 4-7-2 Certification provisions; general

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 4-21.5; IC 16-31-3-14

Sec. 2. (a) An applicant for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be an Indiana certified emergency medical technician.
- (2) Be affiliated with a certified advanced emergency medical technician organization or a supervising hospital.
- (3) Successfully complete the Indiana advanced emergency medical technician training course as approved by the commission and administered by a certified training institution.
- (4) Pass the advanced emergency medical technician written and practical skills examinations as approved by the commission.

(b) The applicant shall apply for certification on forms prescribed by the commission postmarked within one (1) year of the date that the course was concluded as shown on the course report.

(c) The applicant shall submit verification of all affiliated providers and supervising hospitals.

(d) Certification exemptions identified under 836 IAC 2-7.1-1(j) shall apply to the certification of advanced emergency medical technicians.

(e) Advanced emergency medical technicians are prohibited from having in their possession, or maintained on-board emergency response vehicles, any advanced life support equipment or supplies that have not been approved by advanced emergency medical technician organization medical director.

(f) Advanced emergency medical technicians shall comply with the following standards of professional ethical conduct:

- (1) Improve medical knowledge and skills through the completion of at least the prescribed regimen of continuing education described in this article.
- (2) Perform quality patient care based on the content of approved training or the orders of the provider medical director.
- (3) Uphold and respect the patient's right to privacy, dignity, and safety by keeping confidential patient information.
- (4) Abide by the legal responsibilities and limitations imposed upon the advanced emergency medical technician by training and applicable laws.

(*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-7-2; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2755; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2368*)

836 IAC 4-7-3 Application for certification

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-8; IC 16-31-3-20

Sec. 3. (a) Application for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician shall be made on forms prescribed by the commission and shall submit the forms to the director.

(b) All applicants for original certification shall provide evidence of compliance with the requirements for certification.

(c) Certification as an advanced emergency medical technician shall be valid for two (2) years and shall remain valid as long as compliance with the continuing education requirements are [*sic., is*] maintained and reported every two (2) years to the commission prior to the certification expiration date.

(d) Advanced emergency medical technicians are authorized to perform manual or automated defibrillation, rhythm interpretation, and intravenous line placement. These procedures may only be performed when affiliated with a certified advanced emergency medical technician organization and while operating under written protocols under the direct supervision of a physician of the supervising hospital or an individual authorized in writing by the medical staff to act in the behalf of a physician of the approved supervising hospital. Advanced emergency medical technicians are prohibited from performing any advanced life support procedure, with or without physician direction, for which certification by the commission has not been granted.

(e) Individuals who have failed to comply with the continuing education requirements shall not exercise any of the rights and privileges nor administer advanced life support to any emergency patient.

(f) An individual wanting to reacquire a certification shall complete an advanced emergency medical technician recertification training course and successfully complete the state written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission. If the individual fails the certification examinations, the person shall retake an entire advanced emergency medical technician training course.

(g) Advanced emergency medical technicians failing to satisfy the requirements of subsection (f) shall satisfy the requirements for certification renewal by fulfilling the requirements for original certification as outlined in this article. (*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-7-3; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2756*)

836 IAC 4-7-3.5 Continuing education requirements

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 3.5. Advanced emergency medical technicians seeking certification renewal shall meet or exceed the minimum requirements in this section to maintain their certification. Concurrent emergency medical technician certification shall be maintained if the individual completes and reports to the commission fifty-six (56) hours of continuing education according to the following:

(1) Participate in a minimum of thirty-four (34) hours of any combination of lecture, critiques, skills proficiency examination, continuing education course, or teach [*sic., teaching*] sessions that review subject matter presented in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician curriculum.

(2) Participate in a minimum of ten (10) hours of any combination of lecture, critiques, skills proficiency examination, or teaching sessions that review subject matter presented in the Indiana advanced emergency medical technician curriculum.

(3) Participate in a minimum of twelve (12) hours of audit and review.

(4) Participate in any update course as prescribed by the commission.

(5) Successfully complete a proficiency evaluation that tests the skills presented in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician curriculum and the Indiana advanced emergency medical technician curriculum.

(*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-7-3.5; filed Apr 4, 2002, 9:15 a.m.: 25 IR 2517*)

836 IAC 4-7-4 Advanced emergency medical technician certification based upon reciprocity

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-2; IC 16-31-3-20

Sec. 4. (a) Applicants for advanced emergency medical technician certification based upon reciprocity shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be affiliated with an Indiana certified advanced emergency medical technician provider organization or supervising hospital.

(2) Possess a valid certificate or license as an advanced emergency medical technician from another state or successfully complete a course of training and study equivalent to the material contained in the Indiana advanced emergency medical technician training course.

(3) Successfully pass the Indiana advanced emergency medical technician written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission.

(b) Application for certification shall be postmarked or delivered to the commission office within six (6) months of the request for reciprocity.

(c) Any nonresident of Indiana who possesses a certificate or license as an advanced emergency medical technician, or intermediate that is valid in another state, or a valid registration with National Registry, upon affiliation with an Indiana certified advanced emergency medical technician provider organization may apply to the director for temporary certification as an advanced emergency medical technician. Upon receipt of a valid application and verification of valid status by the director, the director may issue temporary certification that shall be valid for the duration of the applicant's current certificate or license, or for a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date that the reciprocity request is approved by the director, whichever period of time is shorter. A person receiving temporary certification may apply for full certification using section 1 of this rule. (*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-7-4; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2756*)

Rule 7.1. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate; Certification

836 IAC 4-7.1-1 Student qualification to enter training

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-2

Sec. 1. An applicant for Indiana advanced emergency medical technician intermediate training shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Hold a valid certificate as an emergency medical technician.

(2) Be at a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age.

(3) Have a high school diploma or general education diploma.

(*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-7.1-1; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2369*)

836 IAC 4-7.1-2 Registered nurses; qualification to enter training

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-2

Sec. 2. (a) A registered nurse may challenge the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate course if he or she meets the following requirements:

(1) Be a registered nurse in Indiana.

(2) Be an Indiana certified emergency medical technician.

(3) Be able to document one (1) year of experience in an emergency department or as a flight nurse with an air ambulance service.

(4) Hold an advanced cardiac life support certification.

(5) Hold either an American Heart Association or American Red Cross health care provider card.

(6) Be able to meet prerequisites required by the commission, the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate curriculum, and the local training institution course.

(b) For successful completion of the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate training course, a registered nurse must meet all of the requirements set forth by the training institution for all students or meet the prerequisites as described in subsection (a) and the following:

(1) May earn credit by written examination for individual modules of the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate course.

(2) Test out of a module to be completed prior to the beginning of that module by completing:

(A) the written examination with a passing score; and

(B) the practical skills examination with a passing score.

Failure of any module exam will require the students to participate in the entire module.

(3) Successfully complete the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate program comprehensive final examination.

(4) Demonstrate skill proficiency by completing the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate level skills with course proficiency.

(5) May earn credit of clinical hours by review of the student's past experience in the clinical areas.

(6) Complete all field internship and required hospital clinical hours.

(7) Pass the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate written and practical skills examinations as approved by the commission.

(8) Meet general certification requirements in section 3 of this rule.

(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-7.1-2; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2369)

836 IAC 4-7.1-3 General certification

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 4-21.5; IC 16-31-3-14

Sec. 3. (a) An applicant for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician intermediate shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be a certified emergency medical technician.

(2) Be affiliated with a certified advanced emergency medical technician intermediate organization or a supervising hospital.

(3) Successfully complete the Indiana advanced emergency medical technician intermediate training course as approved by the commission and administered by an Indiana certified training institution.

(4) Pass the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate written and practical skills examinations as approved by the commission.

(b) The applicant shall apply for certification on forms prescribed by the commission postmarked within one (1) year of the date of successful completion of the required certification examinations.

(c) The applicant shall submit verification of all affiliated providers and supervising hospitals.

(d) Certification exemptions identified under 836 IAC 2-2-1(k) apply to the certification of advanced emergency medical technician intermediates.

(e) Advanced emergency medical technician intermediates are prohibited from having in their possession, or maintained on-board emergency response vehicles, any advanced life support equipment or supplies that have not been approved by the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate organization medical director.

(f) Under IC 16-31-3-14, the commission may penalize a advanced emergency medical technician intermediate or the certificate of any advanced emergency medical technician intermediate, or both, may be suspended or revoked by the commission under 836 IAC 1-2-4 and 836 IAC 2-13-1 for any of the following:

(1) Fraud or misrepresentation in procuring certification.

(2) Failure to perform or failure to perform competently procedures that are within the patient care standards or scope and responsibility of advanced emergency medical technician intermediates for which training has been received in the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate training course as approved by the commission.

(3) Performing a procedure for which training:

(A) has not been received in the basic emergency medical technician course or advanced emergency medical technician intermediate training course as approved by the commission; or

(B) is not within the scope and responsibility of an advanced emergency medical technician intermediate as determined by the commission.

(4) Negligent, reckless, or dangerous conduct that endangers the health or safety of emergency patients or the members of the general public while functioning as a advanced emergency medical technician intermediate.

(5) Conviction of an offense if the acts that resulted in the conviction have a direct bearing on whether or not the person should be entrusted to serve the public as a advanced emergency medical technician intermediate.

(6) Delegating to a person less qualified any skill that requires the professional competence of a advanced emergency medical technician intermediate.

(7) Failure to comply with this title.

(g) Advanced emergency medical technician intermediates shall comply with the following standards of professional ethical conduct:

(1) Improve medical knowledge and skills through the completion of at least the prescribed regimen of continuing education described in this article.

(2) Perform quality patient care based on the content of approved training or the orders of the provider medical director.

(3) Uphold and respect the patient's right to privacy, dignity, and safety by keeping confidential patient information.

(4) Abide by the legal responsibilities and limitations imposed upon the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate by training and applicable laws.

(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-7.1-3; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2370)

836 IAC 4-7.1-4 Application for certification; renewal

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 4. (a) Application for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician intermediate shall be made on forms prescribed by the commission. An applicant shall complete the required forms and shall submit the forms to the director.

(b) All applicants for original certification shall provide evidence of compliance with the requirements for certification.

(c) Certification as an advanced emergency medical technician intermediate shall be valid for two (2) years and remain valid as long as compliance with the continuing education requirements are maintained and reported every two (2) years to the commission prior to the certification expiration date.

(d) Individuals who have failed to comply with the continuing education requirements shall not exercise any of the rights and privileges nor administer advanced life support services to emergency patients.

(e) An individual wanting to reacquire a certification shall complete an advanced emergency medical technician intermediate recertification training course and successful completion of state written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission. If the individual fails the certification examinations, the person shall retake an entire advanced emergency medical technician intermediate training course. *(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-7.1-4; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2370)*

836 IAC 4-7.1-5 Continuing education requirements

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-8; IC 16-31-3-20

Sec. 5. (a) Any applicant making application for certification or certification renewal shall meet the qualifications in this section to maintain their certification. Concurrent emergency medical technician certification shall be maintained if the requirements in this section are fulfilled.

(b) An applicant shall report a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours of continuing education consisting of the following:

(1) Section Ia, thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education adhering to and including the content of the Indiana emergency medical technician intermediate course.

(2) Section Ib, attach a current copy of advanced cardiac life support certification.

(3) Section Ic, attach a current copy of cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification.

(4) Section II, thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education with twelve (12) hours audit and review. No more than eighteen (18) hours may be taken in any one (1) topic.

(5) Section III, skill maintenance (with no specified hour requirement), all skills shall be directly observed by the emergency medical service medical director or emergency medical service educational staff of the supervising hospital, either at an inservice or in an actual clinical setting. The observed skills include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Patient assessment and management; medical and trauma.

(B) Ventilatory management skills/knowledge.

- (C) Cardiac arrest management.
- (D) Hemorrhage control and splinting procedures.
- (E) IV therapy skills.
- (F) Spinal immobilization; seated and lying patients.
- (G) Obstetrics and gynecologic skills/knowledge.
- (H) Other related skills/knowledge:
 - (i) radio communications; and
 - (ii) report writing and documentation.

(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-7.1-5; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2371)

836 IAC 4-7.1-6 Advanced emergency medical technician intermediate certification based upon reciprocity

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 6. (a) An applicant for advanced emergency medical technician intermediate certification based upon reciprocity shall be affiliated with a certified advanced emergency medical technician intermediate provider organization and meet one (1) of the following requirements:

- (1) Be a person who, at the time of applying for reciprocity, possesses a valid certificate or license as an advanced emergency medical technician intermediate from another state and who successfully passes the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate practical and written certification examinations as set forth and approved by the commission. Application for certification shall be postmarked or delivered to the commission office within six (6) months of the request for reciprocity.
- (2) Be a person who, at the time of applying for reciprocity, has successfully completed a course of training and study equivalent to the material contained in the Indiana advanced emergency medical technician intermediate training course and successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations prescribed by the commission.
- (3) Be a person who, at the time of applying for reciprocity, possesses a valid National Registry intermediate certification based on the advanced emergency medical technician intermediate curriculum approved by the commission.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), any nonresident of Indiana who possesses a certificate or license as an advanced emergency medical technician intermediate that is valid in another state may apply to the director for temporary certification as an advanced emergency medical technician intermediate. Upon receipt of a valid application and verification of valid status by the director, the director may issue temporary certification that shall be valid for the duration of the applicant's current certificate or license, or for a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date that the reciprocity request is approved by the director, whichever period of time is shorter. A person receiving temporary certification may apply for full certification using the procedure required in section 1 of this rule. *(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-7.1-6; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2371)*

Rule 8. Paramedic Training

836 IAC 4-8-1 Paramedic training

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-20

Sec. 1. (a) All institutions administering or seeking to administer training programs for paramedics who engage in the provision of advanced life support services are required to be certified by the commission.

(b) An institution certified by the commission to conduct training programs for paramedics must be a training institution certified under 836 IAC 4-2 and must operate according to the procedures described in 836 IAC 4-2.

(c) The minimum curriculum requirements for paramedic training shall be the Indiana paramedic training curriculum based upon the current national standard curriculum as amended and approved by the commission.

(d) The program coordinator shall be a physician, registered nurse, or paramedic responsible for the duties of 836 IAC 4-2-3. *(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-8-1; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2757)*

Rule 9. Emergency Paramedics; Certification

836 IAC 4-9-1 Student qualification to enter training

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-2

Sec. 1. An applicant for Indiana paramedic training shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Hold a valid certificate as an emergency medical technician.
- (2) Be at a minimum or *[sic.]* eighteen (18) years of age.
- (3) Have a high school diploma or general education diploma.

(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-9-1; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2757)

836 IAC 4-9-2 Registered nurses; qualification to enter training

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-2

Sec. 2. (a) A registered nurse can challenge the paramedic course if they meet the following:

- (1) Be a registered nurse in Indiana.
- (2) Be an Indiana certified emergency medical technician.
- (3) Be able to document one (1) year of experience in an emergency department or as a flight nurse with an air ambulance service.
- (4) Hold an advanced cardiac life support certification.
- (5) Hold either an American Heart Association or American Red Cross Health care provider card.
- (6) Be able to meet prerequisites required by the commission, the emergency medical technician paramedic curriculum, and the local training institution course.

(b) For successful completion of the paramedic training course, a registered nurse must meet all of the requirements set forth by the training institution for all students or meet the prerequisites as described in subsection (a) and the following:

- (1) May earn credit by written examination for individual modules of the paramedic course.
- (2) Test out of a module to be completed prior to the beginning of that module by completing:
 - (A) the written examination with a passing score; and
 - (B) the practical skills examination with a passing score.

Failure of any module exam will require the students to participate in the entire module.

- (3) Successfully complete the paramedic program comprehensive final examination.
- (4) Demonstrate skill proficiency by completing the paramedic level skills with course proficiency.
- (5) May earn credit of clinical hours by review of the student's past experience in the clinical areas.
- (6) Complete all field internship and required hospital clinical hours.
- (7) Pass the paramedic written and practical skills examinations as approved by the commission.
- (8) Meet general certification requirements in section 3 of this rule.

(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-9-2; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2757)

836 IAC 4-9-2.5 Inactive status for an Indiana certified paramedic

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 2.5. (a) A paramedic requesting inactive paramedic status shall be currently certified in Indiana as a paramedic and be an individual who has previously recertified as a paramedic in Indiana at least one (1) time. The individual's certification must be in good standing with the commission at the time inactive status is granted. Applicants for inactive status do not have to be affiliated with a paramedic provider organization. Applicants wanting inactive status shall submit a request in writing to the commission.

(b) If a paramedic wants to keep an active emergency medical technician certification, the paramedic shall meet the requirements set forth in 836 IAC 4.4 *[sic., 836 IAC 4-4]*.

(c) Paramedics on inactive status must collect the following continuing education hours during the inactive period, and the continuing education hours must be reported to the commission prior to the expiration date of the certificate:

- (1) Collect and report continuing education requirements listed in section 5(b)(1) through (5)(b)(3) of this rule.
- (2) Collect and report twelve (12) additional continuing education hours.

(d) Paramedics with an inactive status wishing to return to active status must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Comply with subsection (b) during inactive status.
- (2) Be affiliated with an Indiana certified paramedic provider organization or an Indiana certified paramedic supervising hospital by submitting a signed application for advanced life support.
- (3) Submit in writing a verified statement attesting to the applicant's competency in skills listed in section 5(b)(5) of this rule signed by the paramedic provider medical director.

Upon completion of these requirements, the emergency medical technician certification will become active. (*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-9-2.5; filed Apr 4, 2002, 9:15 a.m.: 25 IR 2517*)

836 IAC 4-9-3 General certification

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 4-21.5; IC 16-31-3-14

Sec. 3. (a) An applicant for certification as a paramedic shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be a certified emergency medical technician.
- (2) Be affiliated with a certified paramedic organization or a supervising hospital.
- (3) Successfully complete the Indiana paramedic training course as approved by the commission and administered by an Indiana certified training institution.
- (4) Pass the paramedic written and practical skills examinations as approved by the commission.

(b) The applicant shall apply for certification on forms prescribed by the commission postmarked within one (1) year of the date of successful completion of the required certification examinations.

(c) The applicant shall submit verification of all affiliated providers and supervising hospitals.

(d) Certification exemptions identified under 836 IAC 2-2-1(k) apply to the certification of paramedics.

(e) Paramedics are prohibited from having in their possession, or maintained on-board emergency response vehicles, any advanced life support equipment or supplies that have not been approved by the paramedic organization medical director.

(f) Paramedics shall comply with the following standards of professional ethical conduct:

- (1) Improve medical knowledge and skills through the completion of at least the prescribed regimen of continuing education described in this article.
- (2) Perform quality patient care based on the content of approved training or the orders of the provider medical director.
- (3) Uphold and respect the patient's right to privacy, dignity, and safety by keeping confidential patient information.
- (4) Abide by the legal responsibilities and limitations imposed upon the paramedic by training and applicable laws.

(*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-9-3; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2757; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2372*)

836 IAC 4-9-4 Application for certification; renewal

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 4. (a) Application for certification as a paramedic shall be made on forms prescribed by the commission. An applicant shall complete the required forms and shall submit the forms to the director.

(b) All applicants for original certification shall provide evidence of compliance with the requirements for certification.

(c) Certification as a paramedic shall be valid for two (2) years and remain valid as long as compliance with the continuing education requirements are maintained and reported every two (2) years to the commission prior to the certification expiration date.

(d) Individuals who have failed to comply with the continuing education requirements shall not exercise any of the rights and privileges nor administer advanced life support services to emergency patients.

(e) An individual wanting to reacquire a certification shall complete a paramedic recertification training course and successful

completion of state written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission. If the individual fails the certification examinations, the person shall retake an entire paramedic training course. (*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-9-4; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2758*)

836 IAC 4-9-5 Continuing education requirements

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-8; IC 16-31-3-20

Sec. 5. (a) Any applicant making application for certification or certification renewal shall meet the qualifications in this section to maintain their certification. Concurrent emergency medical technician certification shall be maintained if the requirements in this section are fulfilled.

(b) An applicant shall report a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours of continuing education consisting of the following:

(1) Section IA, forty-eight (48) hours of continuing education through a formal paramedic refresher course as approved by the commission or forty-eight (48) hours of continuing education that includes the following:

- (A) Division I, prehospital environment.
- (B) Division II, preparatory (minimum of eight (8) hours).
- (C) Division III, trauma (minimum of ten (10) hours).
- (D) Division IV, medical emergencies (minimum of twenty-two (22) hours).
- (E) Division V, obstetrics/neonatal (minimum of four (4) hours).
- (F) Division VI, behavioral emergencies (minimum of four (4) hours).

(2) Section IB, attach a current copy of cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification.

(3) Section IC, attach a current copy of advanced cardiac life support certification.

(4) Section II, twenty-four (24) additional hours of continuing education, twelve (12) of these hours shall be obtained from audit and review. The participation in a fourteen (14) hour Indiana continuing education course as approved by the commission may be included in this section.

(5) Section III, skill maintenance (with no specified hour requirement), all skills shall be directly observed by the emergency medical service medical director or emergency medical service educational staff of the supervising hospital, either at an inservice or in an actual clinical setting. The observed skills include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (A) Patient assessment and management.
- (B) Ventilatory management.
- (C) Cardiac arrest management.
- (D) Bandaging and splinting.
- (E) Intravenous therapy and intraosseous therapy.
- (F) Spinal immobilization.
- (G) Obstetrics and gynecological scenarios.
- (H) Other related skills.

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836 IAC 4-9-6 Paramedic certification based upon reciprocity

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 6. (a) An applicant for paramedic certification based upon reciprocity shall be affiliated with a certified paramedic provider organization and meet one (1) of the following requirements:

(1) Be a person who, at the time of applying for reciprocity, possesses a valid certificate or license as a paramedic from another state and who successfully passes the paramedic practical and written certification examinations as set forth and approved by the commission. Application for certification shall be postmarked or delivered to the commission office within six (6) months of the request for reciprocity.

(2) Be a person who, at the time of applying for reciprocity, has successfully completed a course of training and study equivalent to the material contained in the Indiana paramedic training course and successfully completes the written and

practical skills certification examinations prescribed by the commission.

(3) Be a person who, at the time of applying for reciprocity, possesses a valid National Registry paramedic certification.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), any nonresident of Indiana who possesses a certificate of license as an paramedic that is valid in another state, upon residing at an Indiana address may apply to the director for temporary certification as a paramedic. Upon receipt of a valid application and verification of valid status by the director, the director may issue temporary certification that shall be valid for the duration of the applicant's current certificate or license, or for a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date that the reciprocity request is approved by the director, whichever period of time is shorter. A person receiving temporary certification may apply for full certification using the procedure required in section 1 of this rule. (*Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-9-6; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2759*)

Rule 10. Penalties

836 IAC 4-10-1 Penalties (Repealed)

Sec. 1. (*Repealed by Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2372*)

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